

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 252  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Coach Jo Ellen Craze and the 1996-1997 Soddy-Daisy High School Cheerleading Squad upon winning the Cheerleaders of America National Championship.

WHEREAS, on March 23, 1997, the exciting Soddy-Daisy High School cheerleading squad won the prestigious Cheerleaders of America National Championship, a memorable event held in Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, this is the third time in four years that the Soddy-Daisy team has won the competition; and.

WHEREAS, on December 29, 1996, the team competed in the National Cheerleaders Association National Championship and, despite strong competition, placed fifth in a field of 47 squads; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association held the first state cheerleading championship on November 9, 1996, and the team won first place in the tough medium varsity division; and

WHEREAS, in September the team won the cheerleading competition at the Tennessee Valley Fair, with a dazzling performance, for the eighth consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, during the National Cheerleaders Association summer camp the team was chosen as Best Team and 10 members were selected for the NCA All-American Team; and

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WHEREAS, in June the squad was invited to cheer at the Tennessee- Kentucky All-Star Game in Lexington, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the team was expertly coached by Jo Ellen Craze; and

WHEREAS, the members of this tremendously talented squad were: Sarah Bradford, Ashlee Blanks, Shelly Clark, Tonya Dodd, Heidi Friddell, Becky Grant, Amanda Johnson, Chasity Kirby, Amy Lynch, Tara Nunley, Brandy Orr, Jenny Pack, Mindy Parker, Ashley Porter, Laura Preston, Amanda Sullivan, and Jamie Webb; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to salute this fine group, as it continues the tradition of excellence that is a hallmark of their squad and school; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate Coach Jo Ellen Craze and the 1996-1997 Soddy-Daisy High School cheerleading squad upon winning the Cheerleaders of America National Championship and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.